in T.V. transmissions is likely to start; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to develop its capabilities for use in T. V. transmission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) UHF system linking Fazilka to Abohar has since been commissioned with effect from 21st March, 1986 as targetted.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

**Subordinate Judges in Delhi**

873. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 68 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1985 and state.

(a) whether it is a fact that High Court of Delhi has sent a proposal to the Central Government for sanctioning of 169 posts for subordinate judiciary;

(b) if so, when the proposal was received by the Central Government;

(c) whether the decision for increasing the sanctioned strength of subordinate judiciary in Delhi has been taken;

(d) if so, the number of posts sanctioned; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, by when the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (e) The proposal for increasing the strength of Delhi Judicial Service was received from Delhi Administration in July, 1984. The Registry of the Delhi High Court has been requested thereafter to furnish the necessary statistical data for computation of the judges' strength. In the absence of proper statistics, a decision could not be taken so far and it is not possible to indicate the date by which the same would be finalised.

**Completion of the Dankuni Project**

874. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDAR:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the time schedule for the completion of the Dankuni Project has been altered;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the estimated escalation in cost as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Dankuni Coal Complex was sanctioned by the Government of India in 1980 with a cost estimate of Rs. 49.27 crores. The project schedule to be completed in 1984 has not delayed due to initial difficulties in land filling at site, import of technology, delay in finalisation of order for certain equipment etc The project is in an advanced stage of construction and is likely to be commissioned by mid 1987. Escalation in cost due to delay is being assessed.

**Gas pricing on coal equivalent basis**

875. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra have made representation in regard to the issue of pricing of the gas supplied to their gas turbines;

(b) whether there is any proposal for the pricing of the gas supplied for power generation on coal-equivalent basis; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The issue of pricing of natural gas for various uses is under Government's consideration.

**LPG dealers**

876. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of L.P.G. dealers in the country, state-wise, showing general category unemployed graduates, SC/ST, freedom fighters, widows and ex-servicemen separately;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to increase the dealerships in the country; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to fix up the quota in favour of SC/ST dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Setting up of new LPG distributorship on the basis of economic viability in towns having a population of around 20,000 is a continuous process, subject to augmentation in LPG availability, bottling capacity and infrastructure facilities.

(c) The reservation quota fixed for SC/ST is being filled up under the Marketing Plans with the continuing selection of distributors by Oil Selection Boards and commissioning of the distributorships.

**Petrol/Diesel dealers in the country**

877. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLUEM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Petrol/Diesel dealers in the country, statewise, showing general category unemployed graduates, SC/ST, freedom fighters, widows and Ex-Servicemen separately;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to increase the dealerships in the country; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to fill up the quota in favour of SC/ST dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) Setting up of new retail outlets on the basis of economic viability and the prescribed volume-distance norms is a continuous process.

(c) The reservation quota fixed for SC/ST is being filled up under the marketing plans with the continuing selection of dealers by Oil Selection Boards and commissioning of the retail outlets.

**Statement**

*No. Of Retail Outlets (Petrol/Diesel) as on 1-2-1986*

| S. No. | Name of the State/Union Territory | SC/ST | UG/UEG | FF | PH/DDP/WW | Others | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | Himachal Pradesh . | 1 | 3 | .. | 1 | 54 | 59 |
| 2 | Haryana . . | 15 | 12 | 3 | 6 | 369 | 43[illegible] |